Executive Session 3/17/77

2 TO grant hearings

2-3 But not earlier one, "inconsequential"

5 Nothing in them - Sprague

7 any member can make any use of 3/16 Exec Transcript

8 2 reports, no published hearings

26-28 Try to find a budget-bureau media "will go world on that"

31-2 To seek media support by "choreography" of "carefully drawn statement" on what they say they are doing - no more

34,39 Can't hide public hearing because "it's really almost a rehash [illegible]

42-3 of Ruby - Sprague. "now uncorroborated" after 6 months

44 Plus [illegible] trips, Canada, Cal. Misuse of Trafficante

46 to get convicted, 44, But they plan to do it again although Edgar says "that is not the way to go" because it is wrong! Without a "circus atmosphere" they must have the scenario + choreography (sic) of getting the committee reconstituted".

They take Banister story straight & claim an unnamed "eye witness to the King or the Kennedy matter that was never interviewed by either the Warren Commission or the Senate" (probably Morgan Baberchuk lady). Etc.

They'll take "10 undeveloped leads" but say nothing about them to "let people know that they [illegible] are onto something that is new stuff"

49 Trafficante called only to influence members in favor of [illegible]

2/ 49 They have a "Bopp memo" that lists "unanswered questions"
53 - They want even just leadership in "arrest the execs"
54 "capture their imagination" way to get House to OK
55 - When they claimed to have "new witnesses and people who were not talked to ... the news media went wild with that" do they have to report with "an addition-al phrase" a phrase "implying" or "others who may have been involved" Sprague will no longer be the issue.

Skips to p 61 here

61 They "keep moving around" not to keep them off balance" unless without missing pages. Suggests games with the enemy, the press.
63 They Re deadline meets with Congress. also 64
64 Sprague condescends to "be willing" that "our report" be "available (sic) to members of Congress through
65 members of this committee" Even influence Rules committee in secret — and present a plan for the politics of this in terms of getting the required votes"
66 Since last ~~Oct~~ October they can't "come up with any thing without going into facts which we cannot talk about" - after 6 months ?!?!

~~Skips to 71~~ see p3 notes
71 - "between" would to do a little "soft-shoe dance in the

3) middle "of it" to "talk about 45 minutes", apparently on what they have. But he says "that can be worked out and it can be done in one line form but I would not want to."

71 But they have to be able to keep reporters from the "exact people who were involved". This is to say if a reporter finds their "witness" they would blow up. Like Laird

72 claim "new areas" that have not been touched upon" before

75 They actually consider the personal files as being essential & they may have to see them but can't. Even a grand jury - how fantastic - the only one is public

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insert 66-70 more on how to influence congress

They claim "witness" before W.C. "have since changed their testimony"... based on duress or fear", apparently Orest Pena

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82- How they plan to merge power to do what they are not allowed to do by semantics - "just by language and grammatical constructions"

90 ff - telephone contact reports. They had to send them to Rep. Hebert's committee testimony,

4) actually subpoenaed Kenney - and they got it only from me! He told Weisberg that in "FBI reports" under FOIA!
"Assured" Weisberg of committee's "open-mindedness" after they have found "Ray guilty."
Ray asks to have a "substitute counsel" if Ray won't cooperate. Weisberg to get a transcript
91- Ray won't cooperate on "all of his counsel"
Ray thinks Hanes in particular can help!
Their interviews with Ray turned to promote passage of conspiracy resolution"
92 Fn first page Fensterwald speaks for
98 to be many Ray interviews also 117
Ray thinks Ray can use Ray business for stops
"Has given credibility by the press."
99 Stolen records subpoenaed from Capt. Ingram
B'ham P.D. Stone" involved a suspect in the killing of Dr. King."

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100 - Rome of "Redit" story - Any down recs.
Matthews told him, as a "joke", that "I am
going to shoot you."
100 Claim to have found Babushka lady & her
film is gone. Too bad, also. Because they disclose
she is photographing in a 360°. angle - as
having every thing in the world.
102 Tannenbaum talks about "neutronic
relations tests" for alleged two JBC fragments
Talks not even know where JBC was
wounded - as "right rear shoulder entry but
the right came out" - no mention of wrist
wound at all
103 Oltmans nonsense. Claim doctor lied ab-
104 Vance Knowledge - but knew he "was
negotiating for book rights as well as TV..."
105 - Bolden - Mirabella story - with B working for him.
Be sure other recs here
106-107 - Claimed new JBC dictabelt witness
108 with 115 unposting who Any Mark Any
can find them. !!

6) 108 Sprague says they still "have got to start from the beginning & find out what occurred" after 6 months? also on 110

109 More on Mercello - they "are working on it."

111 - Ring ballistics tests

114 the end bullet they claim went reporters out of the room. They do not even trust the reporters for what they took off the wall. Reconstructed several times

115 How they will go after Trafficante

117 — Try to check it as they issued both